Blood-Stream Infection (CDC)

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CDC Guidelines for Prevention of Intravascular Catheter – Related Infections

Comments

1. <u>Page#56 Line #1258</u>

There are no "elastomeric hydrogel" catheters on the market. They were removed from the market over 10 years ago due to the high incidence of allergic reactions and possible fatalities.

2. Page #37 Line #826

There is no scientific data to support routine peripheral IV site rotation every 96 hours.

3. Page #14 Lines #318 & #319

Veins in the upper extremity are large in diameter with a rate of blood flow of 40-60 mls per minute. The veins in the hands are narrower in diameter, have decreased blood flow rates and are often torturous. The incidence of phlebitis is lower in the forearm veins. The reference cited, is from 1998 and the data is outdated.

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